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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Responsive to the Office Action mailed from the Patent Office on December 23, 1998, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks that follow.

Applicants hereby petition for and request a three-month extension-of-time to move the response deadline up to and including June 23, 1999. Applicants hereby petition for and request the appropriate extension period if three months is not the proper extension to allow this Amendment and Response to be entered and considered. Applicants enclose herewith a check for \$435.00 to cover the fee imposed by the Patent Office for the three-month extension. The Patent Office is hereby authorized to use Deposit Account No. 20-0531 for any extra fee(s) and/or credit(s) related to the entry and consideration of this Amendment and Response.

In the claims:

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Please cancel claims 4, 6, and 7 without prejudice, and please amend claims 1, 2, and 5 as follows.

1. (Amended) A magnetic induction time-multiplexed two-way short-range wireless communications system, comprising:

a<sup>1</sup> a first [portable] unit for receiving first unit input signals and [for] providing first unit output signals, the first [portable] unit including

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